



SOCIAL SECURITY

Name
Street Address
City, State, Zip

Dear <Medicare Beneficiary>,

Now that you have Medicare, it is time to think about Medicare prescription drug coverage. And, **now is the time to see if you are eligible for extra help** to pay for the costs—monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments—of this coverage. The extra help could save you more than \$3,300 this year.

Recently, Social Security sent you a letter and an *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs* (Form SSA-1020). If you have already completed the application and mailed it back to us, please disregard this letter. We will let you know if you qualify for the extra help.

If you have not applied, please do so now and start getting savings on prescription costs as soon as possible. Generally, to get the extra help, your annual income cannot be more than \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. Your resources—things like bank accounts, stocks and bonds—cannot be more than \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Even if your income is a little higher, you still may qualify. And some things—for example, your home and car—do not count as resources. So, if you think your income and resources are a little too high, you may still be able to get the extra help and **you should apply now**.

If you no longer have the application we sent you, here is how to get another one:

- Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**) and ask for an application. If you prefer, we can help you complete one over the phone;
- Go to **www.socialsecurity.gov** where you can complete an application online; or
- Visit your local Social Security office. Someone there can help you complete an application.

If you have any questions concerning extra help, please call us at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**). For information about Medicare prescription drug plans or special enrollment periods, call **1-800-MEDICARE** (**1-800-633-4227**, TTY **1-877-486-2048**).

Sincerely,

Michael J. Astrue
Commissioner